impact on conservation of forest resources in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the other main issues on which the Committee has been asked to report;

(c) whether the expert Committee has also been asked to revive the ongoing schemes related to the forest sector to ascertain their efficacy and suggest improvements; and

(d) if so, the time by which committee is likley to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The Central and State Government have not specifically constituted any expert committee on the issues having an impact on conservation of forest resources. However, two expert committees have been constituted by the State Government as per the directions of Supreme Court dated 12.12.96 in writ Petition No. 202 of 1995.

(b) and (c) Main issues on which committees have been asked to report are as under:-

(i) Identify areas which are "forests" irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognised or classified under any law, and irrespective of the ownership of the land of such forest;

(ii) Identify areas which were earlier forests but stand degraded, denuded or cleared;

(iii) Identify areas covered by plantation trees belonging to the Government and those belonging to private persons.

(iv) the sustainable capacity of the forests of the State que saw mills and timber based industry.

(v) The number of existing saw mills which can safely be sustained in the State;

(vi) The optimum distance from the forest *qua* that State, at which the saw mill should be located.

(d) The Committee have already submitted their Report to the Court.

[Translation]

Development of Uttarakhand Region

4913. SHRI SOHAN VEER SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted some plans to the Union Government for the development of Adivasi areas of Uttarakhand region for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Children Reformatory Centre

4914. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether once again some children ran away from children reformatory centre situated near Delhi Gate in Delhi recently by breaking up the enclosure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) On 20.4.97, 5 boys ran away from the Observation Home for Boys situated near Delhi Gate in Delhi. Of them one has since been traced.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The inquiry has revealed that the lapse is *prima facie* attributable to the negligence of the private security guards deployed at the Home.

Cold Storages

4915. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleasd to state:

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation proposes to conduct surveys and establish cold storages and to take up other expansion projects in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the places proposed for establishing cold storages in Karnataka;

(c) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation has sought allotment of lands at the proposed places at concessional rates; and